

Agency Overview

The Commission on Aging (ICOA) is charged with providing a broad array of services intended to make it possible for aging Idahoans to remain in their own homes and communities, and avoid or delay institutionalization. This ICOA Mission is made more difficult as Idaho experiences a dramatic increase in its population of persons 60 years of age and older.

The agency has existed since 1968 (previously called the Office on Aging) under the Office of the Governor. The Administrator, Lois Bauer, and the seven geographically based Commissioners are appointed by the Governor. The agency's two management functions are Program Operations (service design and oversight) and Administrative Support (planning, budgeting, and accounting/reporting). The Commission is located in Boise and operates with 15 FTEs.

Services supported by the Commission on Aging are provided at the local level through contracts with an aging network made up of six regional Area Agencies on Aging and sub-contractors throughout the State. In addition to State and Federal funds received from ICOA, the aging network uses local funds, community resources, and volunteers to provide services to eligible seniors.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

The functions of the Commission on Aging are set out in Idaho Code in the Idaho Senior Services Act at Title 67, Chapter 50, and the Adult Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Act at Title 39, Chapter 53. The Commission is also charged with providing services to seniors under the Older Americans Act of 1965.

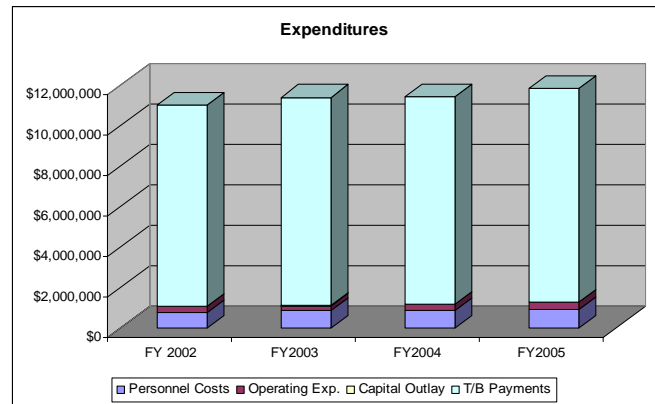
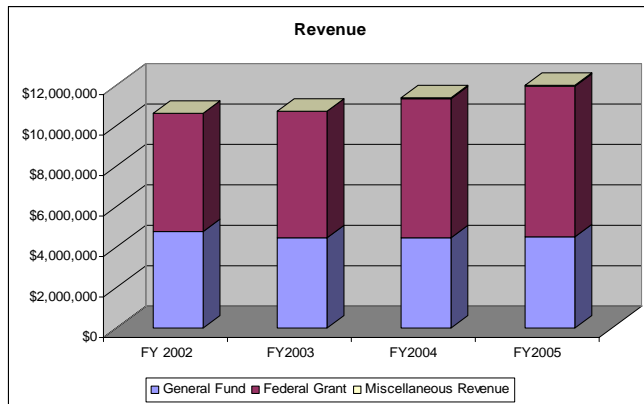
Under these statutory authorizations, the Commission oversees the following broad programs, which are carried out by regional non-profit contractors called Area Agencies on Aging:

- In-home services, which includes homemaker services, home delivered meals, respite, and chore, all of which are intended to assist the older person (and caregiver) to safely remain at home.
- Community-based services, including transportation, congregate meals, adult day care, case management, and older worker employment and training programs, which assist older persons to continue to participate in essential activities in their community, and the legal assistance, adult protection, and ombudsman programs, which provide them protection from fraud, abuse and mistreatment.
- An additional significant element of the Commission's charge is to manage grants and contracts that enable the above services and other relevant services to be provided at the local community level throughout the State.

Revenue and Expenditures:

Revenue	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
General Fund	\$4,774,600	\$4,439,300	\$4,481,400	\$4,500,600
Federal Grant	\$6,198,500	\$6,974,400	\$6,965,200	\$7,245,400
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$22,200	\$6,000	\$38,600	\$45,500
Total	\$10,995,300	\$11,419,700	\$11,485,200	\$11,791,500
Expenditure	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Personnel Costs	\$782,000	\$860,700	\$872,200	\$899,200
Operating Expenditures	\$299,900	\$236,800	\$289,300	\$369,600
Capital Outlay	\$7,700	\$10,000	\$9,700	\$23,400
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$9,963,300	\$10,306,600	\$10,291,300	\$10,563,500
Total	\$11,052,900	\$11,414,100	\$11,462,500	\$11,855,700

(Note: Revenue does not include noncogs and receipts to appropriation.)



Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

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Adult Protection (service units)	3,513	11,993	21,740	24,255
Home Delivered Meals (service units)	522,782	535,296	551,421	555,292
Information and Assistance (service units)	11,720	17,162	15,517	20,573
Homemaker (service units)	114,674	104,863	108,055	106,877
Respite & Adult Day Care (service units)	26,905	40,660	40,952	54,033
Respite & Adult Day Care (clients)	448	847	1,024	1,288

Performance Highlights:

The Idaho Medicare Education Project uses volunteers to assist seniors to understand and resolve problems associated with Medicare billing for health care services. During the project, we have trained 138 new volunteers, conducted 352 community education events, 751 group sessions, 3,027 one-on-one sessions, received 8,778 complaints attributed to Medicare bills, of which 1,523 resulted in some kind of action. Idaho's project recouped over \$61,417 for Medicare and \$615,495 for beneficiaries.

The Alzheimer's Disease Demonstration Grant project is a new program to provide temporary relief (respite) to family members caring for individuals with Alzheimer's or other dementia. With occasional respite the family member(s) can take care of urgent business, or just take a break from the 24 hour-a-day care needed by their loved ones. In North Idaho, 112 families were provided with 12,531 hours of relief. Another 26 families were waiting for service. In Southwest Idaho, 138 families were provided with 4,974 hours of relief.

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